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What is claimed is:

1. A method performed in a gambling game comprising:

displaying an array of symbols in a base game at symbol positions having at least one row and a plurality of columns;

displaying values in at least some of the symbols positions;
randomly selecting at least one of the values; and
awarding a player a bonus award based on the randomly selected value.

- 2. The method of Claim 1 wherein the randomly selected value is a credit value.
- 3. The method of Claim 1 wherein detecting a trigger event comprises detecting one or more certain symbols displayed in the base game.
- 4. The method of Claim 1 wherein detecting a trigger event comprises detecting a special symbol combination displayed in the base game.
- 5. The method of Claim 1 wherein randomly selecting at least one of the values comprises randomly selecting a value at an intersection of a row and column of symbol positions.
 - 6. The method of Claim 1 further comprising multiplying the randomly selected value by a multiplier.
- 7. The method of Claim 1 further comprising randomly selecting a multiplier value and multiplying the randomly selected value by the multiplier value.
 - 8. The method of Claim 1 wherein detecting a trigger event comprises detecting the display of one or more special symbols in the base game, and wherein randomly selecting at least one of the values comprises receiving a signal from a player identifying a special

symbol displayed in the base game, the identified special symbol then identifying one of the values as the randomly selected value.

- 9. The method of Claim 8 wherein the identified special symbol moves to a symbol position displaying a value to indicate that the value has been selected.
- 5 10. The method of Claim 8 wherein detecting a trigger event comprises detecting a certain combination of special symbols.
 - 11. The method of Claim 8 wherein receiving a signal from a player identifying a special symbol comprises receiving a signal from a touch screen identifying one special symbol touched by a player via the touch screen.
- 12. The method of Claim 1 wherein detecting a trigger event comprises detecting one or more special symbols displayed in the base game, wherein randomly selecting at least one of the values comprises changing values in a column in which a special symbol is located, and wherein awarding a player a bonus award comprises awarding a player a bonus award based on a value appearing in the position of the special symbol after the values have stopped changing.
 - 13. The method of Claim 12 wherein randomly changing values in a column comprises creating an appearance of a reel spinning and stopping, where values on the reel are values in a column in which the special symbol is located.
- 14. The method of Claim 1 further comprising detecting a multiplier selected by the player, and multiplying a randomly selected value by the multiplier.
 - 15. The method of Claim 14 further comprising displaying to the player a plurality of hidden multipliers and detecting that one of the hidden multipliers has been selected by the player.
- 16. The method of Claim 15 further comprising displaying icons representing the hidden multipliers, where the player selects one of the multipliers.
 - 17. The method of Claim 16 wherein the icons are displayed in a center portion of the symbol positions.

- 18. The method of Claim 1 wherein randomly selecting at least one of the values comprises displaying one or more pointers in a column of symbol positions, where at least one of the one or more pointers points to a symbol position in a next column to select at least one of the values displayed in the next column, wherein awarding a player a bonus comprises awarding the player a value pointed to by a pointer.
- 19. The method of Claim 18 wherein, once a value in a next column has been pointed to by a pointer, the values in that next column are converted into pointers for selecting a value in an adjacent column.
- 20. The method of Claim 19 further comprising multiplying accumulated bonus awards by a multiplier selected by a pointer.
 - 21. A method performed by a gaming machine comprising:

receiving a bet by a player;

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displaying an object in a first position on a display screen;

covering the object with one of a plurality of identical icons;

moving the icons to different positions on the display screen;

receiving a signal from the player identifying the icon that the player believes is covering the object; and

granting the player an award for correctly identifying the correct icon.

22. A gaming device comprising:

a display for displaying an array of symbols in a base game at symbol positions having at least one row and a plurality of columns; and

at least one processor programmed for:

detecting a trigger event that enables a bonus feature;

controlling the display for displaying values in at least some of the symbols positions;

randomly selecting at least one of the values; and

awarding a player a bonus award based on the randomly selected value.

- 23. The device of Claim 22 wherein the randomly selected value is a credit value.
- 24. The device of Claim 22wherein detecting a trigger event comprises detecting one or more certain symbols displayed in the base game.
- 25. The device of Claim 22 wherein detecting a trigger event comprises detecting a special symbol combination displayed in the base game.
 - 26. The device of Claim 22 wherein the at least one processor is further programmed for randomly selecting a multiplier value and multiplying the randomly selected value by the multiplier value.
 - 27. A gaming device comprising:

a display screen; and

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at least one processor programmed for:

detecting a bet by a player;

controlling the display screen to display an object in a first position on the display screen;

controlling the display screen to display covering the object with one of a plurality of identical icons;

controlling the display screen to display moving the icons to different positions on the display screen;

receiving a signal from the player identifying the icon that the player believes is covering the object; and

granting the player an award for correctly identifying the correct icon.